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July 10th, 1990

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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Ministry of Culture and Communications
77 Bloor Street West
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Attention: Mr. R. Montgomery, Director
Ontario Heritage Board

Re: Registration of By-law No. 45-90 - Designation of Memorial
Ridge Mausoleum under Ontario Heritage Act

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

Enclosed for your records please find a copy of By-law No. 45-90 registered in the local land registry office on July 6th, 1990 as Instrument No. 588143.

This matter is now complete.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten signature]

Carolyn J. Booth, A.M.C.T.,
Town Clerk

CJB:dll
Encl.

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The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

BY-LAW NO. 45-90

 BEING A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY
 KNOWN AS THE MEMORIAL RIDGE MAUSOLEUM,
 PART LOT 1, CONCESSION 10, NIAGARA RIVER,
 NORTH SIDE GARRISON ROAD AS BEING OF
 ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR
 INTEREST.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337 authorizes the council of a municipality to pass by-laws to designate a property including all buildings and structures thereon within the municipality to be of historic or architectural value or interest, and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie has caused to be served on the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the Memorial Ridge Mausoleum owned by the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie and more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, and

WHEREAS such notice of intention to designate the aforesaid property has been published in the Fort Erie Times Review, a newspaper having general circulation within the municipality once a week for three consecutive weeks, on February 20 and 27, and March 6, 1990, and

WHEREAS the reasons for the designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto, and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

- (1) **THAT** pursuant to the provisions of Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337, the Memorial Ridge Mausoleum as more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law be and it is hereby designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest.

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- (2) THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the local land registry office.
- (3) THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by law to be served on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the For Erie Times Review, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, once a week for three consecutive weeks,

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 1990.


MAYOR


CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"
TO
BY-LAW NO. 45-90

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL AND SINGULAR those lands and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Fort Erie in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly in the County of Welland, in the Province of Ontario and being composed of part of Lot 1, Concession 10, Niagara River, and part of the Road Allowance between Concession 3, Lake Erie and Concession 10, Niagara River, formerly in the Township of Bertie and more particularly described as Parts 1 and 2 on Reference Plan 59R-7091.

SCHEDULE "B"

TO

BY-LAW NO. 45-90

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

This property is being designated for architectural and historical value and interest reasons. The Memorial Ridge Mausoleum in Fort Erie is a classic example of funerary architecture. It is a classic in its presence within the community and its contribution to local architecture and it is a classic in its design and atmosphere. Mausoleums of this size and stature are rare in the landscapes of cemeteries in Ontario. While cemeteries like Mount Pleasant were known for their private mausoleums built for and by wealthy families, the Memorial Ridge Mausoleum was a private venture for general use.

The Mausoleum, Neo-Classical in design, sits prominently on its site set back from Garrison Road by a formal circular entrance drive. Two sets of stone entrance gates flank either side of the property with an iron fence and gates along the front. The driveway, as well as its obvious practicality, serves to accentuate the formality of the elaborate entrance portico. Ionic columns support doric entablature with its vaulted over roof decorated with carved roses and arabesques. The solemnity of this funeral monument is further accented by the bronze doors and beautifully ornate bronze grills on the front windows. Engraved in stone over the door are the words--In Memoriam. A graveyard is located directly beside the mausoleum.

The building is constructed of concrete with a sandstone veneer fashioned to resemble squared ashlar. Two flanking wings with roof lines set slightly lower than the body of the building create a cruciform plan and serve as a chapel. The interior consists of a chapel and corridor with walls and floor covered in marble. On the back facade at the end of the corridor is a large stained glass window representing 'Our Redeemer.' There is no signature on the glass and no record of its origin. Two smaller stained glass windows provide light into the chapel area.

The Canada Mausoleum Limited built the Memorial Ridge Mausoleum. In 1925, Canada Mausoleum Limited approached Bertie Township Council for permission to erect a mausoleum near Fort Erie. Bertie Township Council provided permission to Canada Mausoleum Limited to build the mausoleum subject to terms and conditions, one of which included a deposit of \$10,000.00 for perpetual upkeep and maintenance.

The Teal family who originally sold the property to the Canada Mausoleum Company were involved in the building's construction and later with its maintenance. According to documents used in the construction of the mausoleum the gravel and the sand were taken from the Teal gravel pit situated about 200 feet east of the mausoleum. George B. Teal was the first superintendent.